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THE CATCHING A RIDE ISSUE



Colin Newton *news@smdp.com*

SET: **Men play volleyball on Santa Monica State Beach on Friday. A revised law straightens out the rules about playing ball on the sand.**

Local lifeguards say 'play ball'

County beach ordinance does not ban ball playing

BY COLIN NEWTON
Special to the Daily Press

SM BEACH The more things change, the more they stay the same.

A recent ordinance, which bans ball playing at Los Angeles County beaches during the summer except in specially designated parts of the beach, has some members of the community in an uproar.

And yet, lifeguards say that this ordinance is hardly new, and they have nothing against people flinging a Frisbee or tossing a football at the beach.

"[The ordinance] has been here for 50 years or more," said Mickey Gallagher, section chief of the central section of the Lifeguard Division.

Gallagher laments the fact that many people who visit the beach, as well as several news outlets, have misunderstood the ordinance.

"Every city has ordinances on the beach about ball playing," he said.

The purpose of the ordinance is not to ban the ball, but to make sure that no one gets hurt at the beach, Gallagher said.

A previous ordinance banned throwing, kicking or rolling of any ball or light object on county beaches if a lifeguard deemed it threatening to other beachgoers or their property.

The new ordinance lets beachgoers use footballs, soccer balls and Frisbees on L. A. County beaches between Labor Day and Memorial Day as long as no one is being endangered. During the summer, the ordinance is identical to the old one.

Fines for violating the ordinance can be up to $100 for a first infraction, $200 for a

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Changes in store Sunday for Big Blue

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

DOWNTOWN Loyal riders of the Big Blue Bus will notice some changes beginning this Sunday, officials said.

But don't expect anything major.

"While we continue to analyze performance from the last service change [in August 2011], there will be no substantial adjustments this time around," said Ed King, director of the BBB. "We look forward to spending the next several months focusing on improving delivery of our current services."

As the spring semester starts at Santa Monica College, BBB staff will monitor the traditional increase in student ridership during the first few weeks of the semester to ensure there are enough buses on the road to transport riders, especially along the busy local Route 7, Rapid 7 and Sunset Ride services.

Transit staff and safety officers will also be on-site near the main SMC campus and John Adams Middle School to help facilitate the flow of traffic and protect pedestrians, BBB officials said.

BBB riders should be aware of the following, going into effect Sunday:

• Route 4: The weekday schedule remains the same. There will be some schedule changes on weekends and holidays. Trips to Downtown that change into Route 8 trips to UCLA will now do so from Broadway at Fourth Street (instead of Broadway at Second Street).

• Rapid 7: In response to rider demand, new stops will be added on Pico Boulevard at Avenue of the Stars in both directions. There will be no schedule changes.

• Route 8: There will be minor schedule changes. Also service will end on Sixth Street at Broadway (there will still be service to stops on Broadway at Fourth Street and on Second Street at Colorado Avenue).

• Rapid 10: There will be minor schedule changes.

Changes proposed at community meetings in March and September of 2011 regarding Route 5, Route 12 and Super 12

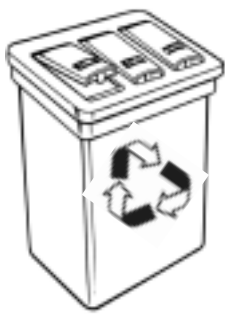
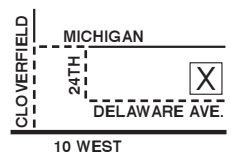
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Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012

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Virginia Avenue Park
2200 Virginia Ave., 8 a.m. — 1 p.m.
Your neighbors at the Pico Farmers' Market invite you to come visit them this weekend for food and fun. This event was established in 1992 and takes place every Saturday providing a wide variety of home- and family-grown goods. You will be sure to find your favorite fruits and veggies. For more information, visit smgov.net.

The princess and her papa
YWCA Santa Monica/ Westside
2019 14th St., 6 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Lace up your dancing shoes and throw on your best get-up because the third annual Father/Daughter Dance is happening this weekend. Girls — toddlers to teens — spend a special evening with your valentine and bring your dad, uncle, brother or family friend. Tickets are $25 per couple, $30 at the door and each additional daughter is $10. This includes music, a DJ, prizes, drinks, desserts, a dress-up photo booth, face painting, a raffle, and even a live sports auction for all you dads. Plus all dance-goers receive 20 percent off when they dine at Il Forno Trattoria. To purchase tickets go to www.smywca.org.

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Sunday, Feb. 12, 2012

Postcard day
Bergamot Station
2525 Michigan Ave., 10 a.m.
The Fourth Annual Itty Bitty Art Sale offers you a unique experience when it comes to obtaining art. More than 200 pieces of postcard sized art will be on sale for $40, but it's only after you've bought it that you know whose work you've purchased: it could be a well-known architect, a budding talent or a local celebrity. Viewing begins at 10 a.m., purchasing begins at 11 a.m. First come first serve, limit five per purchaser. For more information, visit www.ittybittyart.org.

All that glitters is not gold
Santa Monica Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St., 10 a.m. — 5 p.m.
It's the last day to swing over to the Gem Faire, a weekend long event that features jewelry displays, as well as classes, demonstrations and hourly door prizes. Cost: $7 for a weekend pass, 12 and under free. For more information, visit www.gemfaire.com.

Monday, Feb. 13, 2012

Live for today
VA West Los Angeles Medical Center
11301 Wilshire Blvd., 5 p.m.
Help Hospitalized Veterans presents Valentines 4 Veterans, a complimentary concert featuring classic 60s pop group The Grass Roots. Cost: free. Seating limited, RSVP required. For more information call (310) 478-3711 ext. 42441 or visit www.losangeles.va.gov.

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Photo courtesy Team Marine

GREEN PROJECT: **Members of Samohi's eco-conscious student group Team Marine pose with their VW Beetle, which they are in the process of converting to run on electricity.**

Samohi students converting Bug to run on batteries

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

SAMOHI Environmentally-conscious students here are close to completing the transformation of a gas-guzzling VW Beetle into one that runs entirely on electricity.

All the students in Santa Monica High School's Team Marine need is money to buy batteries.

If they can secure the funding, the students plan to use the car, which was donated to them by the Poon-Fear family, as a lesson plan on wheels, traveling to local schools to raise awareness about reducing emissions.

So far the students have presented their lesson plan at Lincoln and John Adams middle schools.

Students with Team Marine said converting cars that run on gas is critical because pollutants from exhaust can damage the lungs and aggravate respiratory problems, contribute to the formation of acid rain, reduce the flow of oxygen in the bloodstream, and have the potential to cause cancer.

And then there's that reliance of foreign oil, a threat to national security.

Students have been working on the electric conversion for roughly a year, said Team Marine Co-captian Cassandra Kliewer. The process consists of removing the gas engine and its components and replacing them with an electrical motor, motor controller, batteries, a converter and other parts.

Batteries are the most important component as they store the energy that propels the car forward. The team wants to use lithium ion batteries because they can hold a lot of juice without taking up much room.

"The only thing we are struggling with is funding for the batteries," Kliewer said.

As part of the conversion process, the students have created a manual with pictures intended to help others repeat the process. Students have worked with local

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Paul Alvarez Jr. *news@smdp.com*

THE PACE: **St. Monica's Briana Harris goes up for a shot while players from CSHM scream and try to block her shot.**

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

St. Monica girls end title drought

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

ST. MONICA For the first time in a decade, St. Monica's girls' basketball team can call themselves league champs.

A 59-48 win over Cantwell-Sacred Heart on Thursday led the way to the Camino Real League crown.

"We feel great," Head Coach John Skinner said. "It's been a long process, but the fact is we're getting the program going in the right direction."

As has been the case much of the season, junior Briana Harris led the way to victory for the Mariners. She filled the stat book with 32 points, grabbed 10 rebounds, dished out 5 assists and, for good measure, had 6 steals.

Freshman Liyah Lewis added 11 points and junior Melissa Maragnes had 8 points and 8 rebounds.

The win over Cantwell-Sacred Heart sent St. Monica to 17-10 overall and 6-2 in league. The Mariners technically finish the season with the same record as La Salle, but St. Monica owns the head-to-head tiebreaker, having dispatched La Salle in both meetings this season.

Next for St. Monica is the announcement of the CIF-Southern Section Division 4A playoff seedings on Sunday.

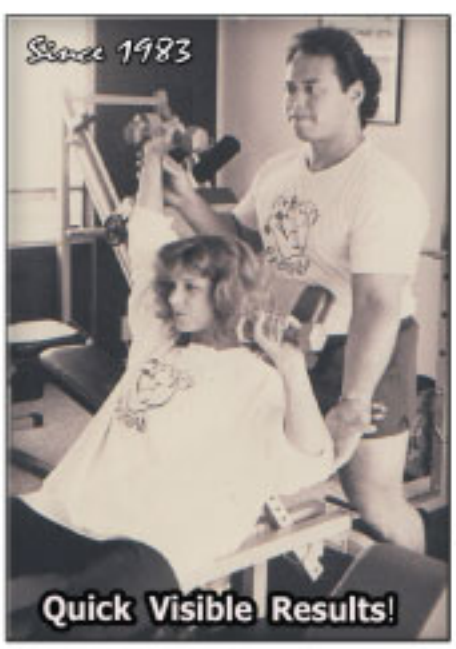
SAMOHI BOYS MAKE CHAMPIONSHIP OFFICIAL

Santa Monica High School's boy's basketball team breezed to a 71-37 win at Hawthorne on Thursday to make the league title they clinched on Tuesday official.

The Vikings entered the game with a possibility that they would finish the season tied with Inglewood for the Ocean League title, but a tie-breaker would have given Samohi the official championship either way. The only thing identical records would have done is give Inglewood the right to claim a co-championship, but the CIF-SS would have recognized Samohi as the league's top team.

That scenario never came to be as Samohi won and

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Benefiting only a few

Editor:

The main topic in all new developments seems to be "community benefit" and some individuals choose to include low-income housing in the discussion. How is low-income housing a community benefit?

Merriam-Webster defines community as "the people with common interests living in a particular area." Housing only benefits a small minority of lucky individuals who generally come from outside of our community. Affordable housing is just another form of welfare which is defined as "aid in the form of money or necessities."

Is it really the intent that owners of private property have to pay for welfare in order to exercise their legal right to develop their land within the allowed for parameters? Or was the idea that if the development exceeded densities or other zoning criteria, then they had to provide a benefit for the local community?

If welfare is the true intent, then the vocabulary should be changed to call it what it is: welfare extortion in exchange for what should be a legal right to develop private property under the guidelines put in place by the city. The City Council approved the (Land Use and Circulation Element) zoning criteria so it should follow it. Property owners should not be held for ransom.

Robert Chen
Santa Monica

Needing a savior

Editor:

Paul Conrad's iconic 26-foot tall nuclear mushroom cloud "Chain Reaction" sculpture should be saved and restored at its Santa Monica Civic Center location, where the $250,000 donated public art piece has stood for more than 20 years ("Damaged 'Chain Reaction' sculpture needs a savior," Feb. 3, page 1).

The City of Santa Monica should be willing to join with the community, the Conrad family and private funding groups to come up with the needed money for safe restoration.

A respectful, responsible and shared effort to save the late, three-time Pulitzer-Prize winning political cartoonist's unique art sculpture would be timely and fair.

The need to remind people, through art, of the dangers of nuclear power and weapons, as well as the need to show strong support for more public art funding should guide the Santa Monica City Council in this important upcoming decision.

Jerry Rubin
Santa Monica

Save it

Editor:

The iconic Conrad "Chain Reaction" art must be preserved in Santa Monica. Paul Conrad is a great Los Angeles artist, critic, and cartoonist, and he should not be forgotten by the removal of this memorable art piece located outdoors in Santa Monica.

Furthermore, the particular issue the art is about is a most timely one as the threat of, and actuality of, war and nuclear war is certainly with us at every moment. Save the Conrad art in Santa Monica! Work to repair the structure and keep the art in place.

Andy Liberman
Santa Monica

Taking it to the streets

Editor:

I, for one, am tired of all the whining from the bicycle riders. The streets were built for cars and paid for and maintained by gas tax money, not by any bike tax. So knock it off and stop whining.

Carmen Polizzi
Santa Monica

Not accurate

Editor:

I'm not sure from where Ms. Gold ("This is a hold up," Letters to the editor, page 4, Feb. 7) got her figures, but the Culver City Unified School District has approximately 20-25 percent students on inter-district permits, definitely not 50 percent.

Karlo Silbiger
President, Culver City Board of Education

On the Beat

NRO Marilyn Amiache — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Getting the kids involved

Q: I WAS TOLD THAT THE SANTA MONICA Police Department has an after school program for youth. Is that true? If so, what type of programs do they have and what is the age group of the youth that attend?

A: The Santa Monica Police Department has a program called the Police Activities League or "PAL" that is a nonprofit organization "dedicated to providing youth programs which help in developing discipline, positive self-image, mutual trust and respect."

It is a part of the California Police Activities League which was founded over 35 years ago by a group of police officers, spearheaded by a San Francisco detective. Although not all cities are fortunate to have PAL, many California PAL members are able to service their surrounding communities as well as their own.

California PAL holds many different types of boys and girls youth sporting events along with many other enriching youth educational activities that are conducted in a safe, supervised environment. California PAL has also made a concerted effort to provide high-tech tools for its local PAL members to communicate, exchange ideas, and manage their PAL chapters more effectively. These efforts have also expanded to providing youth with the opportunity to gain essential technology-based training and skills for the 21st century workplace.

From its humble beginnings, California PAL has grown into an organization that makes a positive difference in the youth of California and strives to continue making a strong contribution in reducing juvenile crime and creating a safer environment within the state of California.

The SMPD PAL Youth Center is a drop-in recreation facility where children and teenagers can come and go on their own. Programs through the Santa Monica PAL are free of charge and are available to youth between the ages of 6 and 17 who live or attend school in Santa Monica. PAL has two facilities in Santa Monica that are available. There is an after school program which is held at the main branch at Memorial Park, 1401 Olympic Blvd. At this location youth can participate in basketball (as they have a full-size gymnasium), arts and crafts, dance and aerobics, play pool and video games. There is also a computer lab where youth can do their homework. There are also classes held for SAT preparation, youth leadership programs, and college applications. On Friday nights, off-site field trips are also available to youth.

The second location is geared toward fitness and is located at 2200 Virginia Ave. There are several fitness classes that are offered at PAL and are free of charge. Youth can take boxing classes, martial arts, cardio and/or use any of the equipment to work out on their own. They also offer family fitness and open up the gym for workouts for adults ages 18-24 during certain times of the day.

PAL is comprised of civilian staff and police officers that work together to mentor and guide youth in a positive direction. They have several annual events that are put together such as the "Palloween" carnival where parents can take their children to a safe place to trick-or-treat, play games, win candy and participate in a costume contest. PAL also puts on an annual toy drive and raise donations with a Santa Pancake Breakfast Raffle. Youth can also train to prepare for the Los Angeles Marathon by staff and police officers, who all run the race together. These are some of the few events and programs that are put together and offered to youth. You can contact PAL — Main Branch Memorial Park (310) 458-8988 or PAL at Virginia Avenue Park (310) 458-8688 ext. 5360, or visit them at www01.smgov.net/hsd/PAL.htm.

(The above information regarding California PAL was provided by www.cal-pal.org/about-california-pal.)

Q: My daughter is 17 years old and has always wanted to become a police officer. Do you have any programs that help teach and prepare young adults to become a police officer?

A: The Santa Monica Police Department has a Law Enforcement Explorer Post (LEEP). Law Enforcement Exploring is a youth oriented program, active in police agencies throughout the nation, that allows young men and women to determine if they would like to pursue a career in law enforcement as adults by offering them actual experience and training. In addition, the program provides the police department with more human resource opportunities, and opens a very important avenue for understanding today's youth.

If you would like to become a member of the Santa Monica Police Department Explorer Post, we encourage you to apply. To qualify for the program, you must meet the following minimum requirements: Maintain at least a "C" average in school, be between the ages of 14 and 19 years, be of good moral character, have no serious arrest record and be in good physical condition. The application process consists of a written history, oral interview with the parents or guardian, and a complete background check. Candidates will also be evaluated on their maturity, genuine interest in crime and the law, and ability to effectively assist the Santa Monica Police Department.

To find out more about this program, you may contact the Santa Monica Police Department Explorer Program at (310) 434-2627, or visit our website at http://santamonicapd.org.

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DAILY PRESS EDITORIALS

Let the market determine wages, not city officials

As billions of dollars pour into Santa Monica in the form of new apartments, office buildings and hotels, residents are being asked to come up with a clear definition of what a community benefit is so that City Hall knows what to demand of developers who want to build bigger than the zoning code allows.

Residents have a right to ask for something in return for letting entrepreneurs have wiggle room so they can make a better project and a better return on their investment.

During these discussions about community benefits, some have mentioned public art and childcare, bike lanes and straight cash money. (The Daily Press likes cash, just as long as the checks don't bounce and the money is spent where it is intended.) While these are all great suggestions, there's one that is raising concerns in the business community and the offices of the Daily Press — the requirement to pay a "living wage" to employees.

The idea is not new to Santa Monica. Just over a decade ago, Santa Monica was the scene of a bitter living wage battle that targeted hotels, restaurants and other big businesses operating near the coastline. The fight dramatically changed the political landscape by making hotels a major player in campaigns, and helped create a rift between the business community and City Hall.

The movement in support of a living wage — now hovering around $13.54 an hour — is what led City Hall to require certain contractors to pay their employees more if they cared to continue to do business with Santa Monica. It also helped employees at four hotels form unions and secure better wages and benefits.

Now those progressives behind the living wage movement are back and tempers are sure to flare once again as the living wage argument is an emotional one. It pits free market forces against labor-backed social activism, challenging people's core personal beliefs about the role of government in free enterprise.

Just this month the Planning Commission held up a hotel development at 710 Wilshire Blvd. because of concerns about future employees and their pay. The developer wants to build more than the zoning allows, and in exchange some in the community want a living wage in return.

The developer has already agreed in principle to a number of community benefits, including shared parking; a local hiring provision; an internship program for students; the installation of solar panels and parking for electric vehicles; discounted meeting space for residents; space for bike sharing and a $244,000 transportation fee; among others.

A living wage requirement shouldn't be one of them. While the Daily Press understands the reasons for wanting hotel workers to earn more, we cannot support a living wage requirement being classified as a community benefit.

We are concerned that this mandate by City Hall would be a dangerous precedent and not serve the community as a whole, but instead a small group of people who may or may not be Santa Monicans. It has the potential to drive businesses out and reinforce this belief — some say myth — that Santa Monica isn't the most business friendly.

Those in support of the living wage law say the developer of the hotel will make millions of dollars on his investment and should share the wealth, which would in turn make for happier employees with enhanced purchasing power who could afford to live and shop in Santa Monica. This would provide more tax revenue for City Hall to fund services for residents. It's all about helping people move up so they can provide a better life for their families.

But doesn't Santa Monica do plenty of that already? Taxpayers see millions of their dollars go toward affordable housing, subsidized childcare and services for the homeless. The Big Blue Bus is award winning for its service, providing discounted transportation for those who cannot afford a car or who choose to ride to reduce their carbon footprint.

These are true community benefits. While paying an employee a few more dollars more an hour will help them and their family, a worthy goal, what will it do for the community as a whole? Will these hotel workers be able to live in Santa Monica? Most likely not, unless they are already living in affordable housing partially provided by taxpayers. Will they be more likely to shop at Santa Monica Place or along Main Street and Montana Avenue? Probably not. There is no guarantee that this expanded purchasing power will benefit Santa Monica. And with no guarantee it's not worth moving forward with an idea that is sure to reopen old wounds.

If hotel employees want a better wage, there are other options available. They can come together and try to negotiate or they could work with their counterparts at other hotels, hook up with organized labor and try to unionize. It won't be easy, but it is an option available that does not involve a mandate from City Hall.

Another option could be galvanizing the masses to support an increase to the minimum wage nationwide. Use the energy created by the Occupy Wall Street movement to do something tangible and help millions of people across the country, not just in Santa Monica. That way Santa Monica would not be singled out as the city that forces businesses to pay more for a job that may not necessarily warrant a higher wage.

The residents of this city have proven that they care about social justice and have funded initiatives to improve the lives of the less fortunate. When it comes to wages, let the market dictate. Instead of requiring a living wage, demand that developers contribute money toward true public benefits, such as improvements to parks and roads, better bus service or funding for our public schools. Spreading the money around is the best way to help the community.

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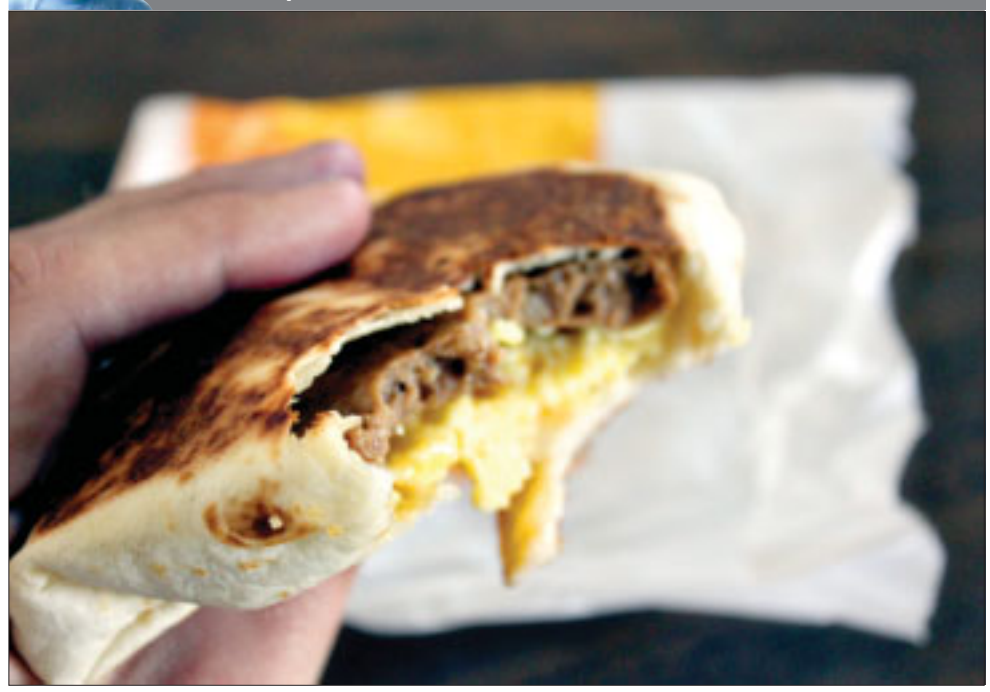
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OUTSIDE THE BUN: **Taco Bell is trying its hand at breakfast. One of its offerings is the Johnsonville Sausage Egg Wrap, which comes in at 360 calories and 24 grams of fat. But it's only $1.79.**

Taco Bell goes from the 'fourth meal' to the first

FOR MOST PEOPLE TACO BELL CAN BEST be described as nothing more than a guilty pleasure. It has also been pegged as a late night mainstay (hence the company's "fourth meal" ad campaign) for the drunk, stoned, and struggling dieters that have gone way off the deep end.

The idea of "the crazier the better" seems to be a good formula for the fast food industry. McDonald's McRib, in all its pre-formed pork patty glory, has achieved a sizable cult following. The KFC Double Down, a bacon, cheese, and sauce laden sandwich which opted to use fried chicken patties instead of bread, made headlines for all the wrong reasons. Most recently, Jack in the Box's thousand-plus calorie bacon milkshake offers up a worst of both worlds kind of indulgence. It is sometimes hard to fathom that these avant-garde offerings at one point were plants and animals of the earth.

How low can you go translates into big bucks for these mega franchises, and Taco Bell has always been on the forefront of culinary ridiculousness. Tacos and burritos have always hinted Mexican fare if not with a nudge and a wink. It is the more recent fangled creations like the XXL Chalupa, Crunch Wrap Supreme, and Beefy Cheesy Melt which throw any notion of authenticity out the drive-thru window. It is not like Taco Bell claims to be Mexican food in the same way The Olive Garden markets itself as Italian, or P.F. Chang's is Chinese. "Make a run for the boarder" seems more like a political talking point more than an old ad campaign.

Nowadays, Taco Bell is about thinking outside the bun. Florescent red taco shells and cramming burritos full of Flaming Hot Fritos certainly follows that mantra. Odd offerings are what make it a draw as well. Some people have a sense a humor about what they eat. Being so bad, its good doesn't only apply to MTV's "Jersey Shore," it also applies to that Double Decker Chalupa drenched in 15 packets of salsa verde.

Dreamed up in test kitchens, studied by countless focus groups, and heavily marketed, that brand new menu item takes a long journey before it is processed, distributed, piped into a tortilla, and packaged in a $5 box, all for customers who don't even have to leave the confines of their car to have at it.

The latest news and subsequent challenge for Taco Bell is the decision to open its doors during the most sober meal of the day, breakfast. Aside from a breakfast sausage patty, eggs, and cheese, wrapped up and toasted in a disk like fashion, the rest of the menu is fairly lack luster. With a handful of breakfast burritos, hash browns, and cinnamon balls, pitted up against the afternoon menu, it is slim pickings for fun and funky offerings. Taco Bell has always been that lights-out closer in the bottom of the ninth of late night eating. However, leading off your day with it seems like a recipe for disaster for your afternoon.

Breakfast, lunch, or dinner, most people know what they are getting themselves into when dining at Taco Bell, or any fast food restaurant for that matter. For the rest, I suppose ignorance is bliss to a certain extent. It may be best to take indulging at Taco Bell with a grain of salt, or in the case of the Grande Skillet Burrito, 1,500 mili-grains of salt.

MICHAEL can be seen riding around town on his bike burning calories so he can eat more food, or on CityTV hosting his own show, "Tour de Feast." To reach him visit his website at tourdefeast.net or follow him on Twitter @TourDeFeastSM.

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Getting caffeine fix as easy as taking a deep breath

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Associated Press

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. Move over, coffee and Red Bull. A Harvard professor thinks the next big thing will be people inhaling their caffeine from a lipstick-sized tube. Critics say the novel product is not without its risks.

The product, called AeroShot, went on the market late last month in Massachusetts and New York, and is also available in France. A single unit costs $2.99 at convenience, mom-and-pop, liquor and online stores.

Biomedical engineering professor David Edwards said AeroShot is safe and does not contain common additives, like taurine, used to amplify the caffeine effect in common energy drinks. Each grey-and-yellow plastic canister contains 100 milligrams of caffeine powder, about the amount in a large cup of coffee, plus B vitamins.

But Democratic U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer of New York wants the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to review AeroShot, saying he fears it will be used as a club drug so that young people can drink until they drop. Schumer's national press secretary did not immediately respond to calls for comment.

FDA spokeswoman Siobhan DeLancey declined to comment, saying the agency will respond directly to Schumer on the matter.

Edwards said Schumer's comments are understandable in the context of developments over the last few years, when students looking for a quick and cheap buzz began consuming caffeine-packed alcoholic drinks they dubbed "blackout in a can" because of their potency. But he said AeroShot is not targeting anyone under 18 and it safely delivers caffeine into the mouth, just like coffee.

"Even with coffee — if you look at the reaction in Europe to coffee when it first appeared — there was quite a bit of hysteria," he said. "So anything new, there's always some knee-jerk reaction that makes us believe 'Well, maybe it's not safe.'"

Once a user shoots a puff of calorie-free AeroShot into his or her mouth, the lemon-lime powder begins dissolving almost instantly. Each single-use container has up to six puffs.

"The act of putting it in your mouth is the act of breathing — so it's sort of surprising and often people the first time they take the AeroShot, they laugh ... that it's kind of a funny way of putting food in your mouth," said Edwards, who also came up with a breathable chocolate product a few years back.

Dr. Lisa Ganjhu, a gastroenterologist and internal medicine doctor at New York-based St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital, said people need to be aware of how much caffeine they are ingesting.

"You want those 10 cups of coffee, it will probably take you a couple hours to get through all that coffee with all that volume that you are drinking," Ganjhu said. "With these inhale caffeine canisters you can get that in 10 of those little canisters — so you just puff away and you could be getting all of that within the hour."

Even the product packaging warns people not to consume more than three AeroShots per day.

Northeastern University students who sampled the product recently gave it mixed reviews.

"This tastes really good and I think it rocks," student Zack Huang said after puffing onto a free sample before rushing to join a group of friends who were walking away from campus.

Still, one student was not happy with the taste, echoing sentiment expressed online by some consumers.

People elsewhere vowed they would never give up their morning coffee.

"I want to brew it, I want to stir it and I want to drink it slowly as I absorb the caffeine," said longtime coffee fan Mark Alexander.

The makers of AeroShot appear to be aware of that sentiment, declaring that the product isn't about switching away from coffee, but rather making it easier for people with active lifestyles to get their caffeine fix.

"AeroShot can be used in a variety of settings inconvenient for liquids, such as when you study in the library, board an airplane or get into the car for a long drive," they say in the section dedicated to frequently asked questions on their website. "It's easy to take AeroShot with you when you go biking, skiing, curling, or any other activity that consumes energy."

AeroShot, manufactured in France and the flagship product of Cambridge-based Breathable Foods Inc., is the product of a conversation that Edwards had with celebrity French chef Thierry Marks over lunch in the summer of 2007.

"We were discussing what interesting culinary art experiments we might do together and I had the idea that we might breathe foods since I've done a lot of work over the last 10 or 15 years on medical aerosols," Edwards said.

The first venture Edwards worked on with Harvard students was the breathable chocolate, called Le Whif. Now he's preparing to promote a product called Le Whaf, which involves putting food and drinks in futuristic-looking glass bowls and turning them into low-calorie clouds of flavor.

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electric car experts, including Paul Pearson of Gas to Electric Conversions, as well as Samohi's automotive teacher Dan Cox, and City Hall's Rick Sikes to develop the manual.

The electric car is seen as a good alternative to gas-powered vehicles because they produce no emissions. While they are not a perfect remedy, since the electricity used to power the cars comes from a power plant that has some emissions, the electric vehicle can greatly reduce carbon emissions because of the higher efficiency of power plants.

Also, as the electric grid gets greener with more solar and wind power, so will the EV.

"Next year we want to build a solar carport on campus so that the car will be completely emission free," said Team Marine CO-captain Patricio Guerro.

If the students get the money they need to purchase the batteries, they hope to have their Beetle rolling by March.

To help contribute to the cause, contact Team Marine coach Benjamin Kay, a marine biologist and science instructor at Samohi, at bkay@smmusd.org or visit www.teammarine.org.

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LETTING LOOSE: **St. Monica fans storm the court after a 59-48 win over CSHM on Thursday to win the league title.**

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Inglewood fell to Morningside, also on Thursday.

"It's a great way to end the regular season," Head Coach James Hecht said. "Now our sights are set on the [Division] 1AA playoffs."

SAMOHI GIRLS CLINCH SECOND PLACE

Samohi's girls' basketball team was able to avoid a possible extra game to decide their playoff fate by besting Hawthorne, 55-48, on the road Thursday.

The Vikings entered the game facing a potential three-way tie for second place in the Ocean League, but avoided any entanglements by securing a win that cements Samohi as the second place finisher behind undefeated Culver City. Inglewood finished the regular season by securing third place and the league's final automatic playoff bid.

"Hopefully we're peaking at the right time," Head Coach Marty Verdugo said. "This should get us more prepared for playoff pressure."

Samohi completes the season 7-3 in league as they await the release of the playoff seedings.

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The Q Line

Permit plan

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District is considering increasing the number of permits it offers to students from outside of the district.

This past week, Q-line asked: **Do you support the district's permit proposal or do you think that they should back off the idea?**

Here are your responses:

"I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW BEFORE THEY start importing permit children exactly how much Santa Monica spends per pupil, because I believe it is more than what we would get from the state, which doesn't make sense then because it's going to cost us more money, and besides that, we really need to scale down the amount of permit students. I think it would be much better overall because they do not contribute the extra that we need to keep on going in Santa Monica. So I think our school board is just plain dumb."

"NEW PERMITS AND EXISTING PERMITS are incredibly lousy ideas. SMMUSD loses a substantial amount of money on each of those students at the same time yelling there's a money crisis. Students from outside bring outside problems with them: gang problems, street-clogging extra car trips, and extra parking demand are just a few. If the SMMUSD really wanted to maximize their dollars, they could cancel all permits for outsiders, reduce class size, and if there are empty school buildings and a surplus of teachers, close the schools and lay off the teachers. I firmly believe the teachers' union has way too much power, and they are behind stocking our schools with outsiders to the detriment of our city and our students, just so they can keep jobs that are not justified in this economy."

"ONE ASPECT OF THE DISTRICT PERMIT proposal they didn't examine is the athletically-motivated transfer. We have phenomenal youth sports leagues here in Santa Monica that are starting to produce great athletes in all sports, starting at the age of 4 on up, and seeding the high school athletic program. I would rather win or lose with our home-grown talent than win with total strangers from outside the district who arrive late, shopping for scholarships."

"I THINK CHILDREN SHOULD GO TO THE school in their district and not come into other people's districts. If they want to be in that school then they should move there. I don't approve of that."

"THE ONLY POSITIVE OF THE SCHOOL board is that they are still second to the City Council in further destroying Santa Monica. The incompetent school board got caught with their pants around their ankles in 2008. They did not see the financial crisis. They did not have a larger reserve. They spent on political votes rather than on conservative fiscal support. Now, to support a wider student permit program, they are again willing to spend yet more taxpayer money to cover their unfitness in leadership. More permit students whose parents pay few taxes in Santa Monica require more teachers, more classrooms, more staff. Again, like so many alien freebies, this benefits irresponsible parents and an untrustworthy school board."

"I WOULD LOVE SOMEONE FROM THE district explaining how the math works. How does over $10,000 per student cost with the state reimbursement of around $7,000 per student result in increased revenue? From my understanding of basic arithmetic, that results in around a $3,000 per student additional cost. All it does is try to justify hiring additional teachers and administrators at a

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"PLEASE, NO OUT-OF-CITY KIDS SHOULD go to our schools. This is the reason our schools are always broke and why there are gang wars here. It has already been shown that the few bucks we get per student from the state doesn't cover the costs for them. If we triple checked student addresses, I'm sure we would find hundreds of kids who lie about their address to go to our better schools. Our fascist, Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights-run district also lets kids go here when their parents work for the city. Cut out all of these students and we could close a couple schools and save millions that can be spent on our own children who actually live here."

"CITY HALL OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS has given Community Corp. of Santa Monica (CCSM) about $150 million to develop low-income housing projects. CCSM is building 99 units of high-density, low-income housing across from Edison Elementary School. Including the low-income housing being built across from City Hall, there are probably 500 units of low-income housing in the development pipeline. Since the majority of tenants moving into CCSM projects do not live in Santa Monica, there will be hundreds of students from all over Los Angeles County moving to Santa Monica. It is my understanding CCSM does not conduct criminal background checks, or verify the legal residency of non-citizen applicants. The schools are full, and some schools have portable classrooms to accommodate students. We need to know if students on permits have been involved in gang activity or fights at Santa Monica High School. Under these circumstances it is insanity to increase the number of permits."

"GOSH, IT SEEMS LIKE ONLY YESTERDAY when I got phone-banked by someone urging me to vote yes on a resolution to raise Santa Monica's sales tax, a regressive tax even the homeless would not escape. Now it seems we've gone from not enough money to so much money that we have to figure out how to get rid of it. The proposed plan seems to be to give this extra money to surrounding communities by bringing some of their students into our school system. Why? Are we running so low on students that we have to recruit them from outside? If so, the answer is to downsize, not to recruit students from other communities just to keep our doors open. If we have a surplus of funds in public education, why not conserve those funds for Santa Monica students?"





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are still being considered, but none of them are likely to begin prior to August 2012.

Riders with questions or feedback about the changes should contact BBB customer service at (310) 451-5444 or bus-info@smgov.net.

The BBB is a service of City Hall, operating a fleet of over 200 energy-efficient vehicles that transport more than 70,000 riders daily across nearly 52-square mile service area.

Changes to service are made three times a year: in February, June and August.

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BALL
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second and $500 for additional violations within one year.

The new ordinance was approved Tuesday by the County Board of Supervisors.

"It's been around forever. If anything, this made it more lenient," Gallagher said.

Lifeguards will continue to monitor people playing ball, rather than outright ban ball playing, he said.

"We want to make everybody come down here and have a good time," he said.

The apparent misunderstanding about the ordinance spread thanks to information sources, including local TV news stations, talk show hosts John and Ken and the website The Drudge Report.

Jennifer Granville, a Los Angeles resident who takes her son to the beach on weekends, heard about the ordinance over Facebook.

Granville said she understood that the ordinance was in place to protect people on the beach, but thought that the fines were a bit much.

"I think they really should be spending their time on more important things," she said Friday as she played with her son near the Santa Monica Pier.

Los Angeles resident Sean Fallowfield said that law enforcement should spend more time enforcing smoking bans at the beach and cleaning up litter around volleyball nets.

"I think it would be a nicer place if they started enforcing those," he said.

Santa Monica resident Jeff Cooke had not heard of the ban, but also thought that more time should be spent picking up the litter that accumulates around volleyball nets and other spots where beachgoers congregate.

"They're concerned about Frisbees hitting people in the face? Get someone to clean this stuff up," he said.

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FINAL WORD: **Signs along the beach inform visitors of the rules and regulations.**

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Notice is hereby given that the City of Santa Monica's Social Services Commission will hold a public hearing to receive public comment to draft the 2012-13 One-Year Action Plan. The One-Year Action Plan, which is a component of the Consolidated Plan, is submitted annually to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), is required in order for the City to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds.

The Action Plan details the City's specific projects and activities for one-year use of CDBG and HOME funds, per the City's overall housing and community development priority needs as specified in the Consolidated Plan (FY 2010-15) adopted by City Council and submitted to HUD in May 2010. To obtain a copy of the Consolidated Plan (FY2010-15), please visit us on the web at smgov.net/hsd or contact the Human Services Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401, telephone (310) 458-8701; TDD (310) 458?8696. Please send your written comments to the above address or email humanservices@smgov.net by February 27, 2012, or you may present your comments verbally at the public hearing on that date.

The Public Hearing is scheduled at the Social Service Commission meeting for Monday, February 27, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Civic Auditorium East Wing located at 1855 Main Street, Santa Monica

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Teacher in molestation case paid to step down

CHRISTINA HOAG
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES The former third-grade teacher charged with committing lewd acts on students was paid $40,000 to drop an appeal of his firing, a newspaper reported Friday.

The Los Angeles Unified School District settled with Mark Berndt because it couldn't defend his February 2011 firing, district general counsel David Holmquist told the Los Angeles Times.

Berndt was removed from the classroom in January 2011 and dismissed as the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department was investigating him. He appealed but resigned in June after the district agreed to pay him four months of back salary and reimburse his health benefit costs.

"We were told we could not do any investigation" to avoid interfering with the criminal probe, Holmquist said. "We didn't have any evidence and we couldn't put on any witnesses. We didn't have anything to successfully defend a challenge."

The 61-year-old recently was charged with 23 counts of lewd acts upon children, ages 6 to 10, accused of feeding his semen to some students during "tasting games" in his classroom from 2005 to 2010.

A second Miramonte teacher, Martin Springer, was fired this week and has pleaded not guilty to committing three lewd acts on one girl in class in 2009. Springer, 49, was freed on bail early Friday, though the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department said he was fitted with a court-ordered electronic ankle monitor.

Meanwhile, some parents at a different school said they were angry that they were never told a teacher was charged months ago with molesting four children.

Paul William Chapel, 50, has been jailed on $2.2 million bail since his October arrest. The former third-grade teacher at Telfair Elementary School in Pacoima is accused of molesting three girls and boy in 2010 and 2011. The charges include continuous sexual abuse and committing forcible lewd acts, although details haven't been released.

"We were never informed of this. It's a big shock," parent Sylvia Hernandez told the Daily News of Los Angeles. "We would like to be informed. We'd like to know what's going on with our children in school. ... That's the least we can expect."

At Miramonte, students returned to class for the first time Thursday since the entire 120-member staff was replaced in an unprecedented move by the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Only 68 percent of the 948 expected students attended.

The day got off to a rough start with the teachers union president assailing the reassignment of teachers as a stunt and about 100 parents and students blasting the move.

United Teachers Los Angeles President Warren Fletcher said teachers were being "tarred and stigmatized for no reason" and that grievances would be filed against the district on behalf of some 85 reassigned teachers.

Superintendent John Deasy said the makeover was needed to clear the school from a cloud of distrust and suspicion stemming from Berndt's arrest.

The new hires, which include a retired principal, 81 teachers and dozens of support staff, will cost the cash-strapped district $5.7 million, said district spokesman Thomas Waldman. The new staffers were recently laid off and were on a rehiring list.

Feds slap utility for nuke plant's ammonia leak

MICHAEL R. BLOOD
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES An ammonia leak that caused an emergency alert at the San Onofre nuclear plant in November was caused by employees who failed to recognize degraded equipment and fix it, federal regulators said Friday.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission report concluded the problem had "very low safety significance," and faulted plant operator Southern California Edison for failing to follow its own procedures at the twin-reactor site, about 45 miles from San Diego.

The company conducted a parallel investigation and found the same contributing factors as the NRC, according to a statement. The utility said it made changes to address the findings.

The report came as the company continues to investigate a separate leak in a relatively new steam generator tube that prompted the shut-down of one reactor as a precaution.

The other reactor is off line for maintenance, and inspectors there are continuing to study what the NRC described as unusual wear found in hundreds of similar tubes that carry radioactive water.

Watchdog and environmental groups have criticized the utility for not alerting the public for more than an hour after the Nov. 1 ammonia leak started in a storage tank.

The NRC report found workers "failed to adequately identify, evaluate, and correct a problem" in a water purification system, which led to the leak.

No one was injured and there was no danger to the public, although some workers were evacuated as a precaution. The report said the leak made areas of a building that houses turbines inaccessible.

"The failure to take adequate corrective actions for degraded plant equipment was a performance deficiency. The performance deficiency is more than minor because" it resulted in an emergency alert, the report said.

The report also highlighted confusion among workers.

It found that guidance was not provided to operations personnel to fix the tank once a problem was detected. Meanwhile, the report said, an equipment operator believed the problem was being corrected when, in fact, it was allowed to degrade, eventually triggering an alert.

Exposure to high levels of ammonia can cause irritation, serious burns, lung damage and even death. It is used at the plant to treat water that is turned into steam, which runs the turbines that produce electricity. The treated water also is used to remove heat from the reactor's cooling system.

The plant is jointly owned by Edison, San Diego Gas and Electric and the city of Riverside.

Pending Facebook IPO gives investors reason to pause

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AP Business Writer

NEW YORK Investors thinking of buying a piece of Facebook after it goes public are hoping it will perform like Google, whose stock has risen 500 percent since its debut seven and a half years ago.

But they may want to spare a thought for companies slightly less exciting — a truck leasing company, perhaps, or a manufacturer of ball bearings.

Stocks of those two have left Google, and the investors who didn't get into it early, in the dust in the past several years. So have more than half the companies in the Standard & Poor's 500 index.

Since the stock market peaked on Oct. 9, 2007, Ryder System Inc., which rents moving trucks, has returned 26 percent, counting dividends. Timken, the ball bearing company, 49 percent.

And the staid Johnson & Johnson, the 125-year-old maker of Tucks ointment to relieve hemorrhoids among thousands of other products, has trounced Google, too — returning 12 percent with dividends.

Google is up more than most stocks if you pick a different starting point, like 2004. But measured from the market peak, it's down 1.5 percent. In other words, the people who got in then still haven't broken even — four and half years later.

Even Microsoft, the lumbering software company whose best days are widely considered behind it, has done better, returning 12 percent, counting dividends.

The lesson is that when it comes to hot stocks, you can sit on losses for years if you happen to buy at the top and can't make up ground with dividend checks.

"They move like rockets, straight up," says Robert Russell, president of Russell & Co., a wealth management company in Ohio. "But they can fall back to earth, too."

In a filing earlier this month, Facebook said it plans to sell a yet-unknown stake for $5 billion, the largest for an Internet company's initial public offering. The buzz is that the offering could value the whole company at as much as $100 billion — more than Hewlett-Packard, AOL and Yahoo combined.

Whether the newly public stock — ticker symbol FB — will prove profitable for investors is another matter.

For a taste of the dangers of buying stock in companies in the spotlight, check out the performance of Internet IPOs last year. You've done OK if you got in at the offering price, set before the stock starts trading. But that's mostly reserved for the favored customers — pension funds, mutual funds, hedge funds and other institutions. The little guy isn't doing nearly as well.

After sharp rises on the first day of trading, most stocks have fallen. That's true for Groupon Inc., the online daily deals site, Pandora Media Inc., an Internet radio operator, and the consumer reviews site Angie's List Inc.

Even the online professional network LinkedIn Corp., a stock that surged Friday on news of unexpected big quarterly profits, is down 4.6 percent from its IPO close.

In hindsight, people looking to strike it rich should have stuck with the IPOs of companies more obscure, like fertilizer maker CVR Partners. Since its public debt in April, the company, which sells nitrogen fertilizer to farmers from a factory in Kansas, is up 77 percent.

Its lucky owners also get something those of pie-in-the-sky Internet outfits can only dream about — dividends. CVR is expected to send checks to its shareholders over the next year of $2 per share, or 8 percent of its stock price even after the big run-up.

As it turns out, dividends have played a role in other recent triumphs of the boring over the bedazzling.

During the stock market swoon from Oct. 2007 to March 2009, Johnson & Johnson stock fell only half as much as Google. That's because J&J still has a fat 3.5 percent dividend yield. Google doesn't pay a dividend.

Those checks in the mail helped on the way up, too. Without dividends, J&J would have lost 2 percent since the market peak instead of returning 12 percent. Microsoft would be up just 2 percent instead of 12 percent.

Those companies can pay dividends because they make big profits, another thing lacking at many Internet companies. Internet bulls don't seem to be bothered, preferring to focus on sales. The idea is if you grow them fast, profits will come naturally.

But investors can lose patience waiting.

On Wednesday, Groupon announced that it had tripled revenue last quarter providing deals on restaurant meals, hotel stays, manicures and the like. No matter. The company also said it hadn't turned a profit — not yet at least. Its stock fell 14 percent.

Facebook is already profitable, but not enough to justify that top-end value of $100 billion. At that lofty height, the company would trade at 145 times what it earned in 2011. The S&P 500 is trading at 15 times last year's profits.

So investors are talking about Facebook's almost $3.7 billion in sales last year, which helps justify the value a bit more, maybe. At $100 billion, Facebook stock would be trading at 27 times sales. LinkedIn is trading at 20 times and Google at five.

We'd all be rich, of course, if picking stocks was just a matter of checking sales multiples or dividend yields or any other simple gauge. Apple doesn't pay a dividend, for instance, but that didn't stop it from rising. Facebook could indeed become the next Apple.

But when it comes to investing, you could do worse than avoiding exciting new businesses in the headlines and putting your money instead into tired old ones you never see articles about, and wouldn't care to read if you did.

Like a company hawking deep fryers.

National Presto Industries makes Big Daddy fryers and other kitchen gadgets as well as what's delicately called "incontinence products," better known as adult diapers. It's run out of a cinderblock converted World War II munitions factory in Eau Claire, Wis., by Maryjo Cohen, a woman so frugal she refused for years to fly anything but coach on business trips, upgrade from Microsoft Office 97 on her computer or replace the Eisenhower-era iron desks at headquarters.

Better to save money for dividends, which the company has been paying for 67 years. That's 40 years before the birth of Mark Zuckerberg, the hoodie-wearing Facebook CEO.

Cohen prefers sensible skirts and blouses but somehow has managed to lift Presto stock up 90 percent above where it was trading at the stock market peak. With dividends, it's returned 157 percent.

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No holds barred for 'Shameless' writers, star William H. Macy

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LOS ANGELES Here's an assignment for the screenwriters behind "Shameless" and its eye-popping stories: Discuss what the heck you've wrought, and how.

"No moral judgments," Mike O'Malley offers, citing a crucial principle from executive producer and fellow scribe John Wells. And keep digging until a nerve is struck.

"It's the most outrageous writers' room. We don't say we need to go back to work. We say we need to go deeper," O'Malley observed during a filmed round-table chat to be included on a December DVD of season two (now unfolding at 9 p.m. EST Sunday on Showtime.).

How deep? Consider the plot line in which desperately flawed patriarch Frank Gallagher (the flawless William H. Macy) schemed to get his hands on an ailing woman's pension by cheating her of a heart transplant — and then killed her with medically forbidden sex.

It was the on-screen realization of another Wells' tip to his crew: Remember that Frank is damaged goods and avoid getting "cuddly" with him in scripts. And when mulling over a story, ask, "What's the 'Shameless' version?"

That includes satirizing social norms through the impoverished Gallaghers, Wells said in an interview, and making room for a subtle undercurrent that, in a TV rarity, echoes the economic struggles of too many Americans.

On "Shameless," which also stars Emmy Rossum, the family's hardships and missteps can take outlandish turns. But the fiction never is made up out of whole cloth, Wells said: Every aspect of the comedy-drama stems from or is shaded by the life of its writers and, at times, actors.

"We dramatize it, we humorize it, but there's nothing we've done, not a single story, that somebody hasn't had experience with," said the veteran show runner (with "ER," "The West Wing" and "Southland" among his credits).

But don't call the authorities to report possible heartless sex by a "Shameless" scribe. The writers take moments from their lives and pull and shape them, taffy-like, into tales to fit fictional characters.

In general, Wells observed, writers offer up their memories and experience more easily than cast members, who can be "nervous" about sharing.

"Writers, by necessity, are always writing about things we know .... But actors often times are acting to get away from who they are," Wells said.

That's not the case with O'Malley, an actor and writer whose on-camera credits include the role of sensitive dad Burt Hummel on "Glee." And it's not true of Macy, who's been writing for more than 20 years with professional partner Steven Schachter.

Their projects include "Door to Door," a 2002 TV movie about a real-life Fuller Brush salesman with cerebral palsy that won the pair an Emmy Award for writing and brought Macy an acting trophy. Sunday's episode of "Shameless" is another Macy-Schachter collaboration.

"We thought it was a perfect show for Steven and me to write, a little out of our wheelhouse," said Macy, whose projects have leaned toward more gentle comedy and drama, minus the "Shameless" gut-punch.

Getting started on the episode with the show's other writers initially was a little "dicey," Macy said in an interview, because the usually freewheeling discussion was muted by concerns over how protective he might be of his screen image.

The team, including Nancy Pimental, Etan Frankel, LaToya Morgan, O'Malley and Wells, quickly was set straight.

"I've never had a problem with making a fool of myself, and that holds me in good sted. If the joke's on me, as long as it's a good joke, I'm cool with that," Macy said.

So it was "off to the races" with a handful of ideas that he and Schachter fashioned into a pivotal hour. In it, Frank's mother, Grammy Gallagher (guest star Louise Fletcher), comes to town and reveals how her son became the loser he is today.

Despite his much-honored acting career, including an Oscar nomination for "Fargo," Macy said his greatest career "high" came early with a play, "Mattress," that he wrote for the St. Nicholas Theatre Company in Chicago (which he helped found in the 1970s with, among others, David Mamet).

He was elated when "Mattress" scored its intended laughs with the audience.

"I felt I had created something that had weight and mass," Macy said, drawing a sharp contrast between acting and writing: "With a script you get it right. With acting you just keep striving. The actor doesn't worry about telling the whole story. The actor only worries telling this tiny little moment, fully and truthfully, and then you go to the next moment."

He shared a choice anecdote illustrating how actors can get confused about who does what.

While filming a TV movie he wrote with Schachter, an actress (whom Macy diplomatically declined to identify) started paraphrasing a long passage of dialogue with " 'you knows' and all this naturalistic trash," he recalled.

"I went up to the woman and said, 'Do you know I wrote the script?' She said, 'Yeah.' I said, 'You write a script. In the meantime, say mine."

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Will.i.am defends Obama during benefit concert

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Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Will.i.am said he hoped to raise $1 million for his charity that benefits needy students at a concert Thursday night. Instead, he raised $5 million.

He hosted an event that featured performances from Stevie Wonder and Ne-Yo at the Hollywood Palladium for his i.am angel foundation, established in 2009.

The Black Eyed Peas leader said he was inspired by the 2010 documentary "Waiting for Superman," about U.S. public education. He said that "Superman is not coming to save no neighborhood or no education system."

"They might as well call that movie 'Waiting for William.' That's the reason why I'm doing what I am doing because that movie hits straight to heart because my mom went to one of those schools," he said.

Will.i.am also talked politics: He said President Barack Obama is not a "magic man," and that people shouldn't expect him to solve the country's problems with "some freakin' plan."

"We can sit and point fingers and say Obama's not doing his job, but you're supposed to do your job," said will.i.am, who has supported Obama in the past.

Thursday night's event, dubbed "TRANS4MATION EXPERIENCE," was the first annual celebration for will.i.am's foundation. Videos played in the background highlighted students struggling to get an education from various neighborhoods, including Boyle Heights, where will.i.am grew up. One message on the screen read: "It's time to bring good to the hood."

Will.i.am performed with the Black Eyed Peas, though Fergie was absent. The night's top guest was Wonder, who played the harmonica and the keys and sang classics like "My Cherie Amor" and "Superstition." The veteran singer said he was delighted to support will.i.am.

"How do you show your true friendship?" Wonder asked. "You put actions behind your words."

Ne-Yo followed after Wonder, saying loudly to laughs from the crowd: "I want to know who wants to put me after Stevie Wonder. What the (expletive)?"

Other performers included K'Naan and Flo Rida.

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ON PROPOSED VACATION OF A PORTION OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY ON OLYMPIC PLACE SOUTH AND 1ST COURT ALLEY and DEDICATION OF NEW RIGHT-OF-WAY EXTENSION ON 1ST COURT ALLEY

The City of Santa Monica proposes to develop a park project that includes the rights of way areas known as Olympic Place South and a portion of 1st Court Alley. The project requires the vacation of Olympic Place South and a segment of the existing 1st Court Alley and incorporation into the project of a new public right of way extension of the remaining segment of 1st Court Alley running east and west at 1665 Ocean Avenue.

On January 10, 2012, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 10651 (CCS) declaring its intention to order vacation of Olympic Place South and a portion of public right of way on 1st Court Alley and dedication of a new public right of way at 1665 Ocean Avenue, to allow for this development and set a public hearing for February 14, 2012 at 5:45 PM. The Drawing No. 4745 of the alleys proposed to be vacated and dedicated is on file and is available for review in the office of Architecture Services/City of Santa Monica located at 1437 4th Street, Suite 300, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Pursuant to Part 3, Chapter 3, "General Vacation Procedure", of the California Streets and Highways Code, the City Council directed the City Clerk to set a public hearing on the proposed vacation and dedication proceedings as follows:

DATE & TIME:
5:45 PM on February 14, 2012, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard

LOCATION: **City Council Chambers**
1685 Main Street, 2nd Floor
Santa Monica, CA 90401

All persons interested in or objecting to the proposed right-of-way vacation and dedication may appear before the City Council at the public hearing to offer evidence in relation thereto.

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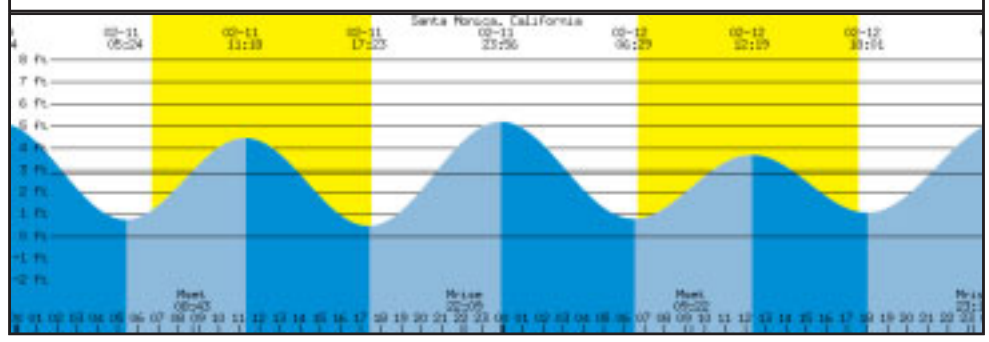
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Long Range Synopsis
NW swell is due and wind swell should be quite noticeable.

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- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Cerritos Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechuza and Los Alisos creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	B
Lodge Canyon Creek mouth.	A	C
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	F	A+
Pearce State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	B
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pearce Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fences.	C	A+
Surfrider Beach (beach location) - daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	C	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19648 PCH stairs.	A+	B
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	D	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	D

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	B	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	F
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	D
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	A+
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	A
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	B	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A	B
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	B
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of CIWW jetty).	A+	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	C	A+
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A	D

LEGEND

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Saturday, Feb. 11
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His Girl Friday (NR) 1hr 32min
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7:30pm

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Safe House (R) 1hr 55min
11:50am, 2:40pm, 5:20pm, 8:00pm, 10:40pm

Star Wars: Episode I — The Phantom 3D (PG) 2hr 13min
12:20pm, 3:25pm, 6:40pm, 10:10pm

Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) 2hrs 38min
12:05pm, 3:35pm, 7:00pm, 9:55pm

My Week with Marilyn (R) 1hr 36min
11:40am, 2:10pm, 4:45pm, 7:20pm, 10:25pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 451-9440

Big Miracle (PG) 2hrs 03min
11:20am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm

Safe House (R) 1hr 57min
11:10am, 2:00pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:20pm

Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG) 1hr 34min
11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace 3D (PG) 2hrs 11min
10:30am, 1:35pm, 4:40pm, 7:45pm, 10:50pm

Grey (R) 1hr 57min
10:35am, 1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:20pm, 10:30pm

Chronicle (2012/ I) (PG-13) 1hr 23min
10:50am, 1:10pm, 3:30pm, 5:50pm, 8:15pm, 10:40pm

Journey 2: The Mysterious Island 3D (PG) 1hr 34min
12:05pm, 2:45pm, 5:25pm, 8:05pm, 10:45pm

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Norwegian Wood (Noruwei no mori) (NR) 2hrs 13min
11:00am

If a Tree Falls (NR) 1hr 25min
11:00am

Hell and Back Again (NR) 1hr 28min
11:00am

Margin Call (R) 1hr 49min
4:30pm

Kill List (NR) 1hr 30min
10:00pm

Descendants (R) 1hr 55min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

Artist (PG-13) 1hr 40min
1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:45pm

We Need to Talk About Kevin (R) 1hr 50min
1:40pm, 7:20pm

Return (NR) 1hr 38min
1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 9:55pm

Happy (NR) 1hr 15min
11:00am

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Hugo 3D (PG) 2hrs 07min
12:30pm, 3:50pm, 7:15pm, 10:20pm

Vow (PG-13) 1hr 44min
11:15am, 12:15pm, 1:50pm, 2:50pm, 4:25pm, 5:25pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:50pm, 10:40pm

Man on a Ledge (PG-13) 1hr 42min
11:45am, 2:40pm, 5:15pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Woman in Black (PG-13) 1hr 35min
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All smiles tonight, Libra

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You feel pressure building with someone you respect and look up to. This person seems to have continuously changing demands. Catch up on an older person's news and clear out any pending responsibilities. Make late-afternoon plans. Tonight: So many invitations.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★ Complete a project -- personal or otherwise -- that you have had on the back burner. You feel that you can make plans for a long-deserved getaway once you are done. For now, join friends and/or family at a gathering. Tonight: Make it stress-free.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Someone might rain on your parade, but certainly not for long. You understand the issue and might try to resolve it -- if the other party is ready. Plan on spending the day with a loved one, indulging him or her in one of his or her favorite pastimes. Tonight: And the party goes on.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Stay centered, even if you find others highly critical and difficult. You might wonder why you are putting up with this behavior. That is an excellent question! Be where you want to be with the people you would like to be with. Tonight: Throw a spontaneous get-together.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might be far more wordy than you realize. You could be processing a lot without realizing it. Focus on each person, each conversation. In the long run, the results will only be better. Avoid a control game at all costs. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You could be exhausted by everything that is going on with a friend or loved one. Pull back some and take better care of yourself. Tonight: Remain nonreactive.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You beam, and others respond. Your ability to sort through a problem -- probably impacting your home life -- could make a big difference. Listen to a friend and what really might be motivating him or her. Willingly revise your plans. Tonight: All smiles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might want to distance yourself from the source of a control game or problem. You don't need to see eye to eye with this person. You simply need to not play. Your honesty and self-discipline will pay off for you. Tonight: Do for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Maintain a high profile when it comes to your money and how you spend it. Someone might try to coerce you into spending more than you want or heading in a different direction. You know what you want. Follow through on just that. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You might be causing yourself more problems than need be, especially if you are trying to make sure your message is heard. Remember that you cannot change anyone. Tonight: A must appearance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You don't need to share what you might be thinking with a special person. In fact, it might be a total mistake to do just that. Stay present with this individual. Share more of your authentic self. A trip could be planned for the near future. Tonight: Try a new place or different cuisine.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You are emotional, but you are also quite capable of relating effectively, if you so choose. A friend might mean well but cannot help but complicate an existing matter. Try to keep your interactions with this person simple, for both of your sakes! Tonight: Add more romance into your life.

Happy birthday

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

This year your ability to empathize and comprehend others emerges. In a sense, you are a PI of the motives of others, often walking in their footsteps. You are willing to be more flexible than in the past. Your family and home also become more significant. Your mind often drifts to the past. If you are single, your ability to relate is enhanced. At the same time, you discover you are more discriminating. After June 2012, a special person could star in your life. If you are attached, the two of you relate more easily than in the past. Fun surrounds planning a trip or a happening as a duo. LIBRA understands you well.



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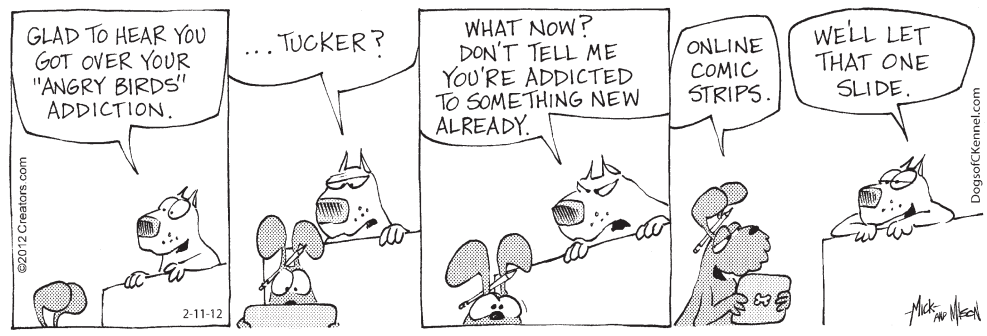
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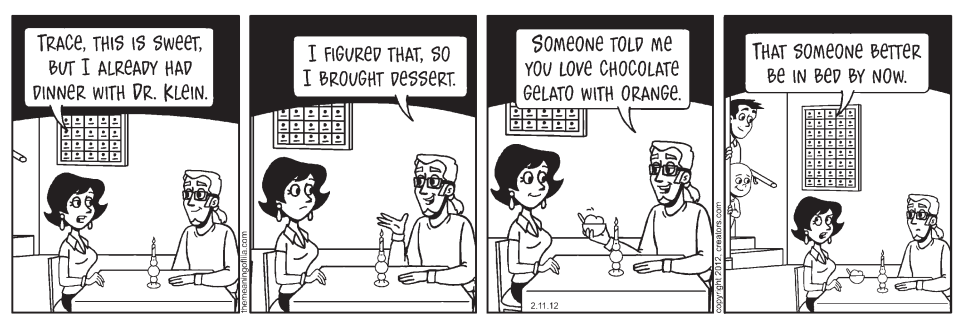
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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from ★ (easiest) to ★★★★★ (hardest).

Difficulty Level ★★★★

4		7	6		5	2		3
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	7			9			6	
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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

3	5	2	6	7	1	8	9	4
1	7	8	4	9	5	2	6	3
4	6	9	3	2	8	1	5	7
8	9	1	5	3	7	6	4	2
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Iron's target
7 Producer's nightmare
11 "Catch-22" writer
12 Moon goddess
13 Weather-map line
14 Colony members
15 Drive off
16 Kick in
17 Gaze
18 Fellow player
19 Grand
21 Far from friendly
22 Moment of forgetfulness
25 Shuttle astronaut Jemison
26 Musical symbol
27 Debates
29 Lights-out tune
33 Graceful birds
34 Amusing
35 Entrance area
36 Drought byproduct
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38 Barcelona's region
39 Pants part
40 Mean

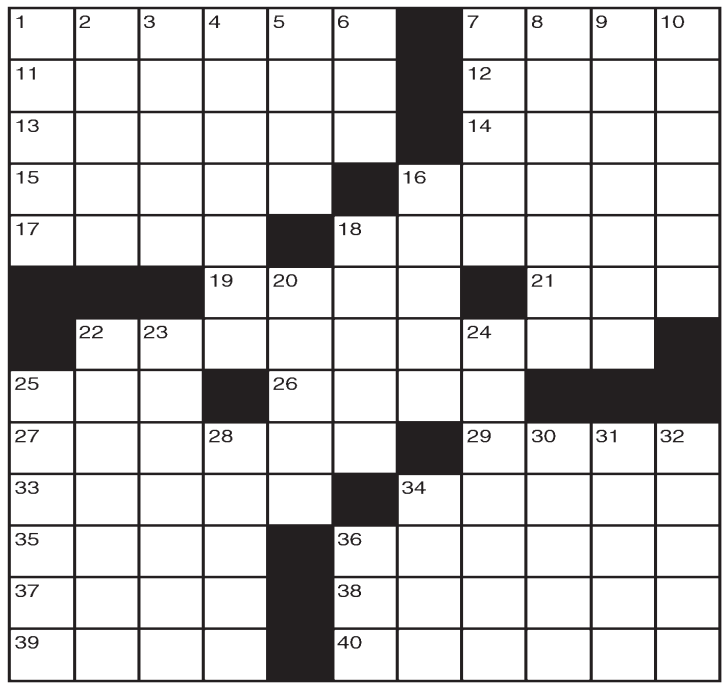
DOWN

1 Nest sound
2 View over
3 Skip the ceremony
4 Montana neighbor
5 Barking beast
6 Misstep
7 Musical symbols
8 Madman
9 Proceeding as planned
10 Danish, e.g.
16 Devil's desires
18 Road markers
20 Takes on
22 Tumblers and the like
23 King's finery
24 Footstool
25 Reduces to pulp
28 Not rented out
30 Baja buddy
31 Wine grape
32 Play part
34 Maintenance
36 Rage

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3rd: 12 Lucky Charms
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In Bennington, Vt., in December, Adam Hall, 34, was accused of vandalizing his ex-girlfriend's car, including scratching the word "slut" into the hood (except that the word was spelled s-u-l-t). Hall initially denied any involvement until an officer handed him a sheet of paper and asked him to write the sentence, "You are a slut." Sure enough, Hall spelled slut "sult" and was promptly charged with malicious mischief.

■ In November, the Washington Times reported that the Washington, D.C.-area Metro transportation agency had hired, as a financial consultant, a woman with multiple convictions for bank fraud and who had been implicated in one of Washington's largest heroin rings. Furthermore, even when the agency learned of her record, it neither disciplined her nor removed her from her finance responsibilities. According to the Times, Metro has other lax management issues. A Maryland state attorney recently revealed that a Metro employee had been "storing" 70 unaccounted-for pieces of Metro property (including computers and televisions) at his home for years, and following that news, according to the Times, other employees began sheepishly returning similar property.

■ Update: Hon. Marion Barry, 75, former four-term mayor (and one-time famous cocaine user), is now in his second post-prison term as a Washington, D.C., Council member and announced in January that he will run for another four years. In December, the Internal Revenue Service filed a new lien on a home Barry owns in Washington, based on unpaid income taxes from 2010. Barry is currently making payments out of his council paycheck for D.C. and federal taxes back to 1999 after pleading guilty in 2005 to failure to file tax returns at all for the previous six years. The very next year, 2006, he failed to file for 2005, and after getting caught then, he subsequently failed to file for 2007. On the D.C. Council, Barry is a member of the finance and revenue committee.

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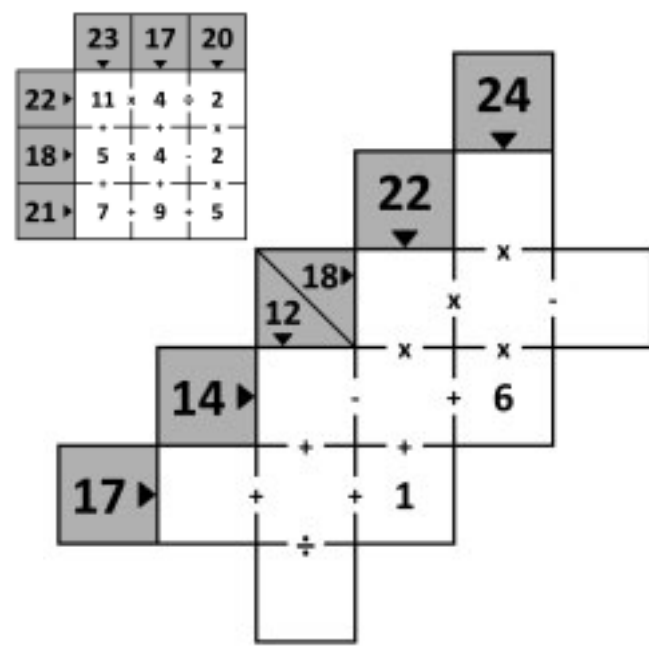
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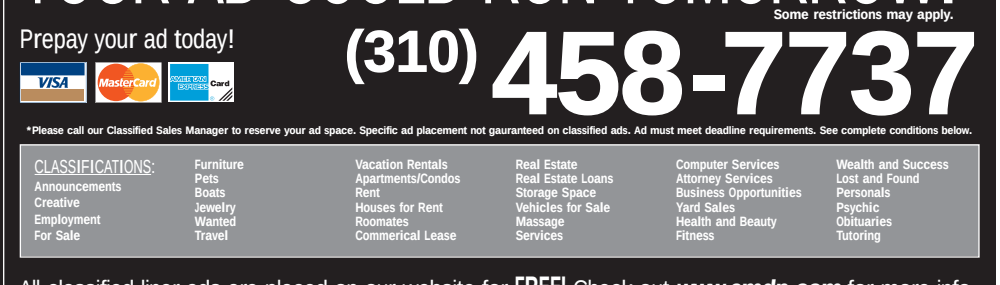
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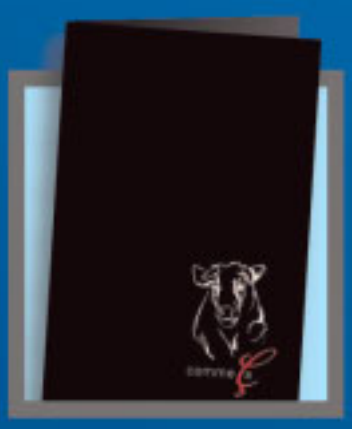
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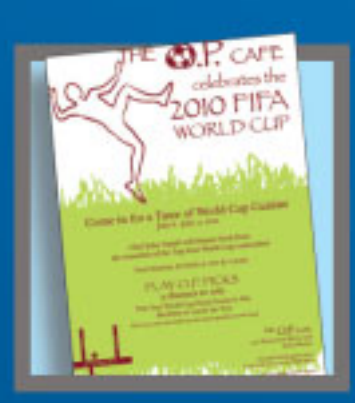


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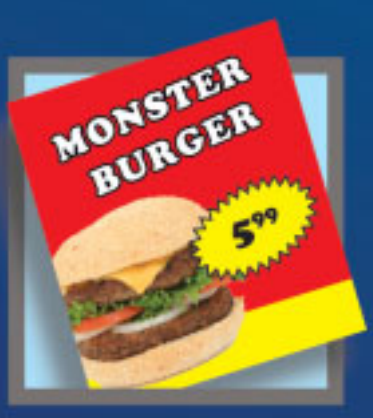


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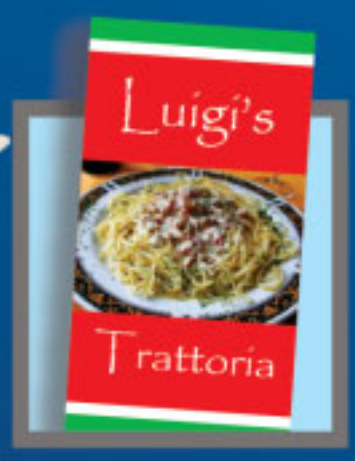
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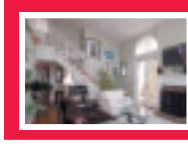
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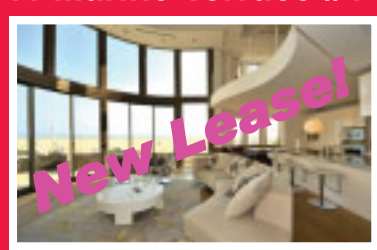
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